



STATE OF DELAWARE
Child Death, Near Death and Stillbirth Commission

November 19, 2010

FINAL MINUTES

Meeting Date and Time: November 19, 2010, 1:00 PM

Meeting Location: Appoquinimink State Service Center

In Attendance:

Commissioners:

Ms. Aleks Casper
Ms. Patricia Ciranni
Dr. Garrett H. C. Colmorgen, Chair
Ms. Tania M. Culley
Ms. Marjorie Hershberger
Dr. Kathy A. Janvier
Dr. Amanda Kay
Ms. Leslie Newman
Dr. Karyl Rattay
Ms. Marie Renzi
Dr. Kevin Sheahan
Dr. Wendy Sturtz
Ms. Patricia Dailey-Lewis
Judge Joelle Hitch
Ms. Mary Kate McLaughlin
Ms. Alisa Olshefsky
Cpl. Adrienne Owens

Staff:

Anne Pedrick, Executive Director
Ashlee Starratt
Angela Birney
Michael Brown

Call to Order:

Dr. Colmorgen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The commission acknowledged Mr. Mike Cochran, Esq. for receiving the honorary J. Thompson Brown Award for strengthening family life. Mr. Cochran thanked the Commission for its recognition and Children and Families First for its continued service in the child welfare system.

NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Report:

FIMR Bereavement Conference:

This conference occurred at the end of October with over 65 attendees from the medical community as well as those agencies/organizations who offer support and services to individuals and families suffering from a loss.

Infant Safe Sleeping:

Cribs for Kids has created and published a cookbook in which all proceeds will go to the continued funding of the program. In Fiscal Year 2010, 120 pack-n-plays were distributed by the Division of Public Health (DPH). In order for a parent(s) to receive the pack-n-play DPH nurses are required to go to the home and educate the parent(s) on infant safe sleeping. As a result of the program, out of the 120 cribs distributed not one infant death has occurred due to unsafe sleeping practices.

Moreover, the Safe Kids Program is funding a program geared toward safety seat education in which 30 seats will be provided in each county. Parent(s) who are in need of a safety seat will be identified through the DPH and referred to the Office of Highway Safety. Once a referral is made, the parent(s) will be responsible for setting up an appointment where the vehicle, car seat, and child are present. The safety seat will be given at a low cost and a 30 minute education will be provided to the parent(s).

Annual Report:

A rough draft will be provided at the next Commission meeting for approval.

Maternal Mortality Review (MMR):

Ms. Pedrick will be meeting with DTI in December to discuss computer availability and compatibility for medical abstractions.

CAN Policy Change and Referrals:

At the Commission meeting on 9/24/10, Dr. Amanda Kay made a motion that the Child Abuse and Neglect Panel conduct an expedited review that is time limited and will encompass the identification of major risk factors that are present to the child and/or family and recommendations will be put forth which identify system failures and/or issues. The motion was unanimously approved and accepted by the Commission. However, upon further review by the Executive Committee it was found that the motion was against the intent of the CDNDSC statute and therefore needed to be stricken.

The Commission agreed to strike the motion that was proposed on 9/24/10 and reference above. Furthermore, the Commission agreed to allow CDNDSC staff to do a more formal and comprehensive review of cases prior to the expedited reviews.

Mr. Pedrick asked that law enforcement, the Attorney General's Office, and DSCYF adhere to the CDNDSC statute in regards to referring cases of child abuse and neglect within 14 days of the determination of a death or near death due to abuse or neglect.

National Child Death Center (NCDC):

Ms. Pedrick recently returned from a summit in Colorado in which the focal point was the creation of a National Child Death website training curriculum. The training will be released by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in April and offer modules on systems approaches and system issues.

Delaware was recognized by the National Child Death Center for its legislation requiring physicians to receive mandatory medical reporting training on the identification of child abuse and neglect and one's duty to report child abuse and neglect.

Other Business:

There was no other business discussed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously decided to enter Executive Session.